

# ARIZONA NEWS AND COMMENT

## Walker Property Sold.

For the sum of \$50,000, the property of J. Ernest Walker, the real estate man who disappeared from Phoenix two years ago, was sold at Phoenix Wednesday. The property was bid in by S. H. Mitchell, representing D. D. Horning, the principal creditor of the estate. The property left by Walker consists of some choice plots of valley lands and city lots, but all was mortgaged heavily, nearly all to Horning. The total indebtedness was something like \$45,000. Several real estate men were present this morning and a number of bids were made upon the various pieces of land offered for sale. Mr. Mitchell, however, was prepared to offer the largest sum and the entire estate was knocked down to him.

## Alfalfa and Strawberries.

The Yuma Examiner says: Every day wagon loads of fragrant alfalfa pass through the city streets. The farmers have been cutting hay for ten days, and this crop is luxuriant and tender. The last cutting was made in December, and this crop has come a few days earlier than past records. Strawberries are also ripe in the valley. Mrs. Reeder has some fine specimens on her valley ranch which will be ready for market within a week.

## Telephone to Courtland.

The Southwestern Improvement company on Monday began active work on the stringing of another wire into Gleason, says the Douglas Dispatch. The company has one wire passing through Gleason to Bisbee. An office is located in the front room of the Hunt lodging house, where the telephone and telegraph instruments are installed for the present. Fifteen phones have been ordered and are now en route to Courtland. They are of the Magenta type but the company announces that just as soon as the patronage amounts to fifty or seventy-five phones placed, the drop phone will be substituted throughout. At present messages to and from Douglas have to be relayed at Bisbee, but the company is preparing to extend its lines to Douglas, Pearce and Tombstone.

## Resuming Operations.

Clifton advises state that the ore bins, trestle works and other property of the Arizona Copper company that was recently destroyed by fire is now about replaced with new structures, and while the improvements lack a great deal of being completed, they are far enough advanced to permit the company to operate three furnaces, the leacher and several converter stands. Ore trains have been put on and the concentrators at Clifton will be going at full capacity. Practically all the men laid off on account of the fire have again been put to work.

## Banks in Good Condition.

Adolph W. Lautz, assistant territorial auditor, arrived in the city yesterday from Naco, says the Bisbee Miner. Mr. Lautz is on the regular tour of the territory in the capacity of bank examiner. It is the duty of the territorial auditor to examine the books of banks and building and loan associations one or two times a year, and this work falls to the assistant auditor. "My observation is that the banking institutions of the territory are in normal condition," said Mr. Lautz, speaking of his examinations. "I might say that they are a little better than normal, but it is saying a great deal to simply make the conservative statement that they are up to the standard, as shown by the balances and deposits. In many of the larger centers normal conditions have not been restored yet, and it is therefore gratifying to find our institutions in such a condition of stability."

## Governor is Insistent.

A Phoenix dispatch of Wednesday says: The mess cooked up by Governor Kibbey for B. A. Packard and J. C. Adams, territorial fair commissioners, and which the executive apparently intends to serve them in courses, was heated up again today when a letter was mailed to each of the gentlemen, notifying them that if their resignations, called for some days ago, were not in the governor's office by noon, Saturday, February 20, he would issue an order requiring them to show cause why they should not be removed on charges he would later formulate. Mr. Adams stated tonight that he would tomorrow advise the governor of his intention not to resign. Mr. Packard, it is said here tonight, has informed the governor that he would personally call on the 22nd. The outcome of the affair is freely speculated upon by members of the legislature.

## Boundary Dispute.

Yuma county is trying to annex a strip of land from Maricopa county three or four miles wide and extending along the entire western boundary. In other words, a bill has been laid in the committee on county boundaries providing for moving the intermediate boundary between the two counties eastward. District Attorney Timmons of Yuma county is in Phoenix to push the bill through the legislature. Yuma county claims that all specific attestations of the survey of the present line have been lost, and that the line is therefore not valid. The Democrat states that a search of the Maricopa records has disclosed the certificate of report made by T. A. Hicks and W. M. Breckinridge in 1889, the county surveyors of Yuma and Maricopa counties, respectively. This certificate gives Maricopa

county a clear title to the strip of land under dispute and destroys the validity of Yuma's claim.

## Enforcing Dog License.

Following up the general warning given to Tucson dog owners that they were to be prosecuted if they did not secure dog licenses, the officers arrested Jose Medina and F. Lucra, on warrants sworn to by Poundmaster McCormick, charging that the prisoners owned dogs and refused to pay the license. They were arraigned before Recorder Lindenberg and each fined \$5, which is the minimum penalty that can be given. They paid their fines and then announced that the dog catcher might have their canines, stating that they did not care to pay any additional money on them. Since the notice was issued to dog owners to get licenses, more than 250 tags have been issued, but there are still a number of dog owners who have not complied with the ordinance.

## Yuma Land Rulings.

Provided they hold title to separate estates, a man and wife will be entitled to 160 acres each of patented lands under the Yuma project. Children over twenty-one, if owners of land in their own right, will also hold unquestioned right to 160 acres each. These questions were thoroughly discussed and understood at the organization of the Water Users' association and have lain dormant from that time until the present. Distinctions between the size of the farm units for patented lands and those filed upon subsequent to the reclamation act, as well as the farm unit for the Indian reservation, have been confusing for the newcomers. Original 160 acre tracts of patented lands were signed for shares in the Water Users' association, which guaranteed 160 acres of water rights to the owners and their successors in title. This insures every individual over 21 years of age the right to become the owner of 160 acres of patented land with water rights, under the Yuma project. Settlers have been allowed to file upon government land under the project in amounts reaching 160 acres. In case the secretary of the interior decides to reduce the holdings to a smaller unit, ample notice will be given to allow holders to choose the portion of entry as well as to assign whatever interest they may have acquired by improving these lands. It is the impression that the official announcement of the unit will not be made until the project nears completion. It is possible that a special apportionment may be made, as in the case of lands on the Indian reservation.

## Flagstaff Wants Clark Road.

It is thought at Flagstaff that Senator Clark will certainly build a railroad from Jerome to a connection with the Santa Fe, probably at Davenport. An effort is to be made to have the junction at Flagstaff instead of Davenport. A correspondent of a Phoenix paper says: "Flagstaff people have been building their hopes on this road for years and now that it is a certainty it would surely be shortsightedness on the part of our merchants and taxpayers to allow the terminals to be built at any such place as the station mentioned above. Some action should be taken by the board of trade and town council and overtures made to Senator Clark that will insure the terminals of this new road for our town. We have everything to offer in the way of inducements, the chief of which to a railroad in this desert country, is water, and nothing should be left undone that will bring the connecting link with the north and south to our town. The loss of the Grand Canyon railway was a severe lesson to us. Do not let that oversight be duplicated."

## Says Mexico Would Not Sell.

Senor Garcia, Mexican consul at Naco, at Bisbee last Monday, expressed surprise at the action of the Arizona legislature on the memorial resolution to the president, requesting the government to buy a slice of Sonora south of Yuma and add it to Arizona. In speaking about this the consul stated that Mexico has no land for sale to the United States government, and that the people of the United States are very much mistaken if they think for one minute that Mexico is in the market with its territory, just like merchandise. The consul said that if Arizona people are anxious for the land south of Yuma in Sonora, they can easily buy it as individuals, and that their rights as individuals would be respected by the Mexican government, which would give them all the protection in its power, but when it comes to a sale of land in a block from one government to another, the Mexican people would not stand for it, as it is unconstitutional.

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# WOMAN'S FAITH CONVINCES JURY

## CONVICTION OF WARD MEANT DEATH BUT GIRL THRUSTS DOUBT ASIDE

RICHMOND, Va., February 19.—"Oh, judge and you, Mr. Jurymen, I love Roy so and I'm going to marry him and I had to tell you this, because he never harmed anybody."

With this declaration of faith in her lover did pretty Grace Adams of New York, private secretary to "Big Tim" Sullivan of Tammany Hall fame, gain the acquittal of Roy Ward, 23, charged with having attacked Miss Maggie Bauer, a young society woman. With conviction the penalty meant death.

Ward had been in jail five months. Ward, who is a chauffeur, came to Richmond for the automobile meets at the state fair. He met Miss Bauer and she accepted an invitation to ride with him. During this ride she leaped from the automobile and made her escape, because, she said, he insulted her. Ward denied having made any advances to the young woman.

In the solemnity of the court room his trial was in progress. A little woman, dressed all in tan, from her daintily clad feet to the becoming hat upon her head entered the court room. She came unannounced. All of the witnesses had been examined.

"If your honor please, I have one character witness I want to introduce," said Harry M. Smith of counsel for the defense. The announcement created a mild sensation, but no one coupled the little lady in brown with the ugly, worn oak witness chair.

"Who is it?" asked the court. And there, fatigued with a long ride, that little lady in brown walked bravely before the twelve men who held the life of her sweetheart in their hands, and spoke in a sweet girlish voice, that wavered now and then ever so little.

Nobody can tell what was in the minds of the jury before they heard the girl's story. Many thought it was a conviction. The prisoner at the bar turned slightly in his chair, caught a fleeting glimpse of the girl, and smiled. In less than five minutes the jury came back. The clerk read the verdict, "not guilty."

Then came the handshaking and good wishes, and Roy Ward was a free man—and he owed it all to the little lady in brown.

Roy and his sweetheart drove at once to the city jail. There, at her request, the more than fifty prisoners, robbers and drunkards, highwaymen and second story workers—shook hands with the little lady in brown and with her sweetheart, and wished them both joy in their contemplated matrimonial venture.

# TWO RAILROAD GRADING CAMPS CLASH IN WAR

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC AND SOUTHWESTERN ENGAGE IN BATTLE OVER CONFLICTING RIGHT OF WAY NEAR COURTLAND.

COURTLAND, Ariz., February 19.—The men who stood on the hillside facing Gleason Wednesday afternoon saw the merriest and most exciting railroad clash recorded in the southwest. The "Espee" and the Mexico & Colorado railroad companies tried to grade the same 400-yard route on the side of a hill.

The one began to plow up the stakes of the other, and in turn the other put its scrapers to work turning over the roadbed to suit its own engineers.

For a time it was a case of the cart of one railway striving to pass over the scoop of the other, and as fast as the "Espee" would plow over a stretch of soil the Southwestern would scoop it back out of the way.

Messages flew thick and fast in all directions. Automobiles began carrying into Gleason the head officials with-in touch. The "Espee" strove to establish their line, while the Mexico & Colorado (Southwestern) fought for a right of way, and thus the war continued on the hillside until the big bosses came onto the battlefield.

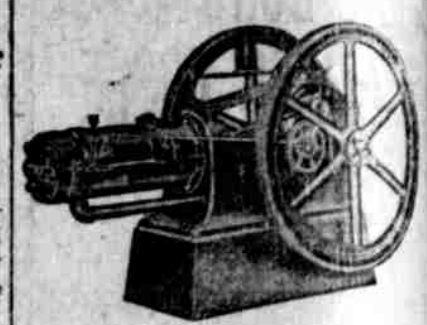
Then arrived in automobiles, running at the last notch of speed, Superintendent Campbell of the Southwestern and Superintendent McClure of the "Espee." Under these eyes the battle of the flying dirt, the contesting horses and scoops and plows went on, neither side making a move beyond grading what the rivals wished done some other way.

Finally both sides agreed to let the smoke of battle clear away. The forces of both roads were withdrawn from the contested field, awaiting an amicable settlement.

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